

## DEFINITIONS OF THE EUTHANASIA SUBTYPES CURRENTLY USED BY PRC

**AN CONTROL (Animal Control)** – This subtype is used exclusively for animal control purposes. It includes dogs declared dangerous according to Ch. 767 – Florida Statutes, stray animals that have bitten and caused severe injury - but no owner identified, and Department of Health determined that there is a risk to public health if this animal were to be released.

**NO RESQ BH (No Rescue for Behavior)** – This subtype is used when PRC has tried to rehabilitate a behavioral problem but has been unsuccessful in the shelter environment, and no rescue was willing to accept the animal for behavioral rehabilitation outside the shelter.

**OWNER REQST (Owner Requested)** – This subtype is used for owner requested euthanasia. PRC doesn't allow for owner-directed euthanasia unless it determines it is in the best interest of the pet. PRC makes all reasonable efforts to rehome pets owners no longer want. This type of euthanasia is performed as soon as reasonable possible within the day of release and may occur immediately upon release by the owner. This category also includes owner requested euthanasia of bite case animals that must undergo quarantine prior to being released for euthanasia by the Department of Health in accordance with Florida Administrative Code for Public Health 64D.

**RABIESTEST (Rabies Testing)** – This subtype is used when the Department of Health has determined testing the animal for Rabies is required. Rabies testing is done on the brain tissue and therefore the animal must be euthanized for testing purposes.

**V-OFFSITE (Veterinary: Offsite)** – This subtype is exclusively used by veterinary services when euthanasia of a shelter pet transferred for overnight care, or one brought in by the field to an offsite veterinary clinic or emergency hospital is euthanized by a veterinarian at that facility.

**V-PAIN/SUF (Veterinary: To End Pain & Suffering)** - This subtype is exclusively used by veterinary services. A veterinarian has determined that there is no other way to mitigate or stop the pain and suffering of a pet in the shelter. Most of the procedures for this subtype are done shortly after intake assessment. It may be used after the veterinary team has tried ways to mitigate the pain and suffering, but they were unsuccessful in doing so.

**V-UNRESPON (Veterinary: Unresponsive to Treatment)** - This subtype is exclusively used by veterinary services. A veterinarian has determined that a pet in their care has unsuccessfully concluded treatment(s) and that if left untreated the pet would either suffer or have an unacceptable quality of life.

**WILD/EXOTIC (Wildlife and Exotic)** – This subtype is used for wildlife or exotic animals that are severely injured, the Department of Health wants to test them for Rabies, or the animal may not be returned to the wild or legally owned by the public.

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**SEV BHAVE (Severe Behavior Issue)** - This subtype is used when an animal displays a severe behavioral issue that cannot be addressed by the shelter that poses a threat to employees or the public. These cannot be transferred to a rescue due to liability risk.

**DANGER PUB (Danger to the Public)** – This subtype is used when an animal has not been declared dangerous but qualifies to be declared dangerous under Chapter 767, Florida Statutes; or has been determined to be too dangerous to adopt out or send to rescue for any reason.